

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the listing of claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine (1) comprising a drill head (3) which is supported on a pillar (2), and a base (4) for supporting said pillar (2), as well as a power supply strand (5) leading to said drill head (3), wherein an accommodation chamber (8) is provided, which extends substantially longitudinally in the interior of said pillar (2), said power supply strand (5) being arranged, at least sectionwise, in said accommodation chamber (8) such that it extends substantially longitudinally.
2. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the power supply strand (5) extends from the base (4) to the drill head (3) in the interior of the pillar drilling machine (1).
3. (Currently Amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~one of the claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in the area of the base (4) and the pillar (2) and/or in the area of the pillar (2) and the drill head (3) a respective connectable separation point of the power supply strand (5) is provided.
4. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the separation point is implemented as a releasable plug connection (6).
5. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plug connection (6) is, at least sectionwise, provided in the interior of the pillar (2).
6. (Currently Amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~one of the claims 4 or 5~~ claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plug connection (6) comprises at least one connector (13, 47), which is prevented from moving in a direction opposite to the release direction of the plug connection (6) by a tension relief relative to the pillar (2) and/or the base (4) and/or the drill head (3).

7. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the tension relief of a first connector (13) relative to the pillar (2) is a clamping profile (18) provided on said first connector (13) and/or said pillar (2).
8. (Currently Amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~one of the claims 6 or 7 claim 6, characterized in that~~ wherein the tension relief of a second connector (47) relative to the base (4) or the drill head (3) is a separate flange member (59) that holds the second connector (47) on said base (4) or said drill head (3) in a direction opposite to the release direction of the plug connection (6).
9. (Currently Amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~at least one of the claims 4 to 8~~ claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plug connection (6) comprises at least one connector (13, 47) having at least one locating projection (23, 55) by means of which it is attached to the pillar (2) or the base (4) or the drill head (3) in an oriented manner.
10. (Currently Amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims 4 to 9~~ claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plug connection (6) comprises at least one plug (98) comprising a fastening module (99) and, separately therefrom, an electric connector module (100) which is adapted to be releasably attached to said fastening module.
11. (Currently Amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a storage facility for the power supply strand is provided in the area of the base (4).
12. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the storage facility is implemented in the form of a cable spider or a cable drum.
13. (Currently Amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the base (4) has provided therein at least one opening (42, 108) through which the power supply strand (5) is led out of the area of the base (4).

14. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the opening (108) is provided with a holding element (111) which is adapted to be inserted in said opening (108) and which includes at least one holding profile (115) by means of which the power supply strand (5, 41) can be fixed at a predetermined position relative to said holding element (111).

15. (Currently Amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a flange member (59) is provided by means of which the pillar (2) is supported on the base (4) such that it is centered relative thereto.

16. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a plug connection (6) is arranged, at least sectionwise, in the interior of the flange member (59).

17. (Currently Amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~one of the claims 15 or 16~~ claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pillar (2) and the flange member (59) each include at least one hole (12, 69) through which one and the same fixing means (70) extends at least sectionwise.

18. (Currently Amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the drill head (3) is adapted to be rotated relative to the pillar (2) and that a rotation limiting device (89, 90, 95) is provided.

19. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a recess (89) is provided on the pillar (2) or the drill head (3) and that a profile (90), which is adapted to be guided in said recess (89), is provided on said drill head (3) or said pillar (2), the rotary movement being limited in that the profile (90) comes into contact with the end portions (91, 92) of said recess (89).

20. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the recess (89) is implemented as a groove extending transversely to the longitudinal direction (11) of the pillar (2).

21. (Currently Amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~at least one of the preceding claims 18 to 20~~ claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein between the pillar (2) and the drill head (3), a releasable clamping means (77) is supported by means of which the drill head (3) can be prevented from rotating relative to the pillar (2).

22. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the clamping means (77) comprises two clamping elements (78, 79) which are of such a nature that the distance between them can be adjusted and each of which is adapted to be brought into clamping engagement with the polar (2), said clamping means (77) being radially supported on the drill head (3).

23. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 22, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the clamping means (77) is provided with a screw mechanism (82, 84) by means of which the distance between said clamping elements (78, 79) can be adjusted.

24. (Currently Amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~one of the claims 22 or 23~~ claim 22, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one of said clamping elements (78, 79) has a contact surface (87, 88) corresponding to the shape of the pillar (2).

25. (Currently Amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~at least one of the claims 21 to 24~~ claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the clamping means (77) is accommodated in a hollow space (74) of the drill head (3), which is intersected by a connection piece (72) in which the pillar (2) is accommodated sectionwise.